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Serial No: 10/602,194

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Title: **LOW TEMPERATURE
NITRIDATION OF SILICON****PATENT
APPLICATION**Attorney Docket No.
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Sir:

This communication responds to an Advisory Action dated December 10, 2004 in the above identified patent application. The submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 was previously submitted on 11/15/2004, in response to an office action dated August 16, 2004. The submission on 11/15/2004 was a Request for Continued Examination, which was mischaracterized as an

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REMARKS

The submission on 11/15/2004 included a coversheet entitled RCE Transmittal, which authorized a \$790.00 fee as required for an RCE, along with a Preliminary Amendment in Support of RCE Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, which was

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October 3 2004 Substitute for Form PTO-875					101602194	
CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I					SMALL ENTITY OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
(Column 1)		(Column 2)				
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA		RATE	FEE	
BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))					\$ 395	
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))		minus 20 =		x 9 =		
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))		minus 3 =		x 44 =		
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(d))				+ 150 =		
				TOTAL		
* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2.						
CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II					SMALL ENTITY OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
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AMENDMENT A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	19	Minus	22	x 9 =		
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	3	Minus	3	x 44 =		
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))				+ 150 =		
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AMENDMENT B					SMALL ENTITY OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
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AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	22	Minus	22	x 9 =		
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	3	Minus	3	x 44 =		
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))				+ 150 =		
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AMENDMENT C					SMALL ENTITY OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
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AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))		Minus		x 9 =		
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))		Minus		x 44 =		
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))				+ 150 =		
				TOTAL ADD'L FEE		
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